

A Tennessee man, having been deserted by a rich woman, whom he had married, is suing her for a year's support. The poor fellow thus thrown on the world, has no wife to provide for him.

The golden Klondike edition of the New York World is edited by Joaquin Miller. Judging from Miller's advance articles, it is evident the pen is mightier than the pick.

Leadville is engaged in suppressing gambling and disorder. There is a disposition to force the dime novelist of the future to confine himself to Alaska.

It is a rule in Kansas that if a man has been married less than a year, he should take his wife with him when he goes on a trip.

A man in Arkansas is bent on going to Klondike, and in case he does not find any gold, he's going to keep up till he finds the north pole and be famous.

When there is a particularly sad death in town there is a fierce row among the women over the doctor question.

How grown people love a boy whose eyes get heavy and whose head begins to nod as early as 8 o'clock.

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## DAIRY AND POULTRY.

### INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm—A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

The Kicking Cow.

UNDER the above heading I have seen in the different farm papers various advice given. Some by tying in different ways, some by human strength and endurance until the cow yields to their superior strength, while others advise to abandon the animal and dispose of her. But as it is not always convenient to do an amount of tying, and we are not all endowed with sufficient muscular strength and endurance so as to wage a successful contest in that way, nor is it always desirable to abandon a cow of superior merits as a milker though she kicks. So we have tried a more reasonable way and one that can be done by the weaker person as well as the stronger. And with us it has never failed, though we have taken some most refractory animals to subdue. Man's ability to subdue, control and make subservient to his will the lower animals is not vested in his superior strength of muscle but in his mental power. And first of all if he would control these animals to his greatest benefit he must control himself. I dislike very much the term generally used "breaking a horse to work," or "a cow to milk."

It should be "teaching" them to do or permit to be done to them certain things. Who would speak of "breaking" a child to read or spell or to play the organ; and certainly if we have to teach these children that are endowed with human intellects, how much more necessary for us to use reason and patience with the dumb animals that are placed under our care and for our use and benefit.

How to do it—first of all be sure you can control yourself. If you yield to bad temper you have failed in the first principle and all you may do afterward will be largely unavailing. Arm yourself, therefore, with self-control and patience and you are ready to undertake the teaching of an animal, and not until then. All that is required besides is a common cow-leader with ten feet of light rope attached. It is presumed that the cow is in the cow-barn, either in stanchions or tied by a halter, and that she is a helper never milked before or a confirmed kicker. Place the right hand gently upon the back of the cow and gently rub the side with the left, gradually working the hand backward until the udder is reached and handle it gently. If it be a helper she will likely move or lift the foot. If the foot be lifted without her showing desire to kick place the hand firmly against the leg until she sets the foot down, then proceed as before until she is willing to let you handle her freely and has gained confidence in you that you do not intend to hurt her. But if she shows resentment when you rub her side or udder, repeat the effort only a second time, then gently step from her side, take the leader and place it in the nose; avoid every appearance of harshness, whatever you do, do it gently if you wish to succeed. Then holding the rope in the right hand and placing the hand on the back as before, begin to rub the side, flank and udder as before and as soon as she resents your caressing give her a gentle reminder by a little jerk of the rope. I cannot caution you too much in this, not to use harshness. Each time she lifts the foot on account of your rubbing the flank or udder give her a reminder by gently jerking the rope. By simply doing as I have told you I have never failed to be able to sit down to milk in ten minutes the worst kicker that has ever come to me. But do not think that one lesson is enough. A few times will be all that will be required for a helper. But a confirmed kicker will need the strap put on her for some days, and for the first few days repeat the lesson before sitting down to milk. And always keep the rope lying across the knees while milking so that in case she would move in the least you can remind her that she is required to stand still. A cow that has acquired the habit of kicking will often not be willing to allow another person to milk her besides the one who has taught her to stand still, so that it is well when making a change in milkers to use the strap for a time or two until she becomes accustomed to the new hand. There are some persons who grasp the teat so harshly that few cows are willing to be milked by them. The heavier labors performed by men give them a harder grip, and we have seen cows that showed no dislike to be milked by a woman that would resent it as soon as a man caught hold of the teat. Avoid harshness in any way if you would have good milkers in your herd, and "teach" them what you require them to do.

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Standard Varieties of Chickens.

In shape a Leghorn cock should be graceful; body round and plump, broad at the shoulders and tapering toward the tail. The tail should be well balanced on a fair length of shank and thigh; the length of leg giving the bird its sprightly and proud carriage. Closeness of feathering adds to the general shape and secures a freedom from angles which always proclaims the pure bred, typical specimen. The breast should be full, beautifully curved, rather prominent, and carried well forward. Neck, long, well arched, and

carried erect; back, of medium length, with saddle rising in a sharp, concave sweep to the tail; tall, large, full, carried upright; the full, flowing tail, and long, well-curved sickles are characteristics of the bird that are much thought of. The wing is long, well folded, and tightly carried. Hackle and saddle feathers, long and abundant and flowing well over the shoulder and saddle. The legs are bright yellow in color and free from feathers; toes also yellow, but a dark shade on the same is allowable. The head is the prettiest portion of the bird, being short and deep, yellow beak, full, bright-red eyes, and bright-red face. The comb is single, of medium size, perfectly straight and upright upon the head, free from side sprigs, deeply serrated with five or six points, and bright-red in color. The comb should extend well back over the head, with no tendency to follow the shape of the neck. Earlobes, white, or creamy white. The Leghorn hen in many respects resembles the cock, excepting carriage of comb and sexual differences. In shape and carriage the hen is even more graceful and sprightly than the cock, very close in feather, and rather small in body, though some-

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